

Claims

1 1. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal
2 devices, said method comprising the steps of:

3 (a) storing the tailoring information in a memory module separate from and
4 releasably attachable to at least the second terminal device;

5 (b) attaching the memory module to the second terminal device;

6 (c) while the memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the
7 tailoring information from the memory module into the second terminal device; and

8 (d) transferring electronic content from the first terminal device to the second
9 terminal device according to the tailoring information read from the memory module into
10 the second terminal device.

11 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the memory module is releasably
12 attachable to the first terminal device; and said method further comprises:

13 attaching the memory module to the first terminal device;

14 while the memory module is attached to the first memory module, reading the
15 tailoring information from the memory module into the first terminal device; and

16 transferring electronic content from an access point to the first terminal device
17 according to the tailoring information read from the memory module into the first terminal
18 device.

1 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein:

2 before step (d) the method further comprises the additional step of transmitting the
3 tailoring information from the second terminal device to a third device over a radio
4 frequency link; and
5 step (e) comprises transferring the electronic content to the second terminal device
6 over the radio frequency link.

1 4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the radio frequency link is a short range
2 communication radio frequency link.

1 5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the method further comprises:
2 causing the first terminal device to enter the coverage area of the second terminal
3 device;
4 sending an inquiry from the second terminal device to the third terminal device;
5 sending a response to the inquiry from the third terminal device to the second
6 terminal device;
7 transmitting the tailoring information to the third terminal device, and
8 transferring the electronic content from the first terminal device to the third
9 terminal according to the tailoring information received from the second terminal device.

1 6. A method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

2 automatically transferring new electronic content from the first terminal device to

3 the second terminal device, the new electronic content fulfilling the tailoring information
4 requirements and being determined to not have been transferred to the terminal device
5 earlier.

1 7. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tailoring information includes time
2 dependent subscription period information defining a time period within which electronic
3 content may be transferred to the second terminal device.

1 8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the electronic content includes copies
2 of a periodically published item.

1 9. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory module is an integrated
2 circuit card.

1 10. A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein that the method further comprises:
2 transferring a serial number of the integrated circuit card to the first terminal
3 device;
4 checking the validity of the integrated circuit card based on the serial number; and
5 in response to a determination that the integrated circuit card is valid, transferring
6 the electronic content to the second terminal device.

1 11. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electronic content is electronic

2 goods.

1 12. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the electronic content is at least one
2 selected from the group consisting of movies, music, games, electronic magazines,
3 periodicals, newspaper, and television news.

1 13. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the electronic content includes a
2 series of movies.

1 14. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electronic content is in the form
2 of electronic services.

1 15. A system for distributing electronic content, comprising:
2 a wireless connection for transmission of electronic content;
3 an element for transferring selected electronic content over the wireless connection
4 according to predetermined tailoring information defining electronic content eligible to be
5 transferred from the element;
6 a terminal device for receiving electronic content over the wireless connection;
7 a memory module for storing the tailoring information, the memory module being
8 separate from and releasably attachable to the terminal device;
9 attaching means for attaching the memory module to the terminal device;
10 the terminal device being adapted to read the tailoring information from the

memory module and to transmit the tailoring information to the element over the wireless connection, and
the element being adapted to transfer electronic content to the terminal device over the wireless connection according to the tailoring information.

16. A memory module for use with a terminal device, said memory module comprising:
a storage medium for storing tailoring information relating to specific electronic content that the memory module authorizes to be transferrable to the terminal device; and
an interface for mechanically and electrically coupling the memory module to the terminal device, the memory module being releasably attachable by a user to the terminal device to bring the memory module into mechanical and electrical contact with the terminal device.

17. A memory module as claimed in claim 16, wherein the memory module is an integrated circuit card.

18. A memory module as claimed in claim 17, wherein the memory module comprises a storage medium for storing electronic money to be used for payment for the specific electronic content.

19. A terminal device comprising:

2 a storage device for storing tailoring information relating to specific electronic
3 content;

4 an interface for mechanically and electrically coupling the storage device to the
5 terminal device, the interface allowing releasable attachment of the storage device by a
6 user to the terminal device to bring the storage device into mechanical and electrical
7 contact with the terminal device;

8 means for reading the tailoring information from the storage device into the
9 terminal device when the storage device is in mechanical and electrical contact with the
10 terminal device, the tailoring information defining specific electronic content that the
11 storage device authorizes as being transferrable to the terminal device;

12 a transceiver for transmitting the tailoring information by wireless communication
13 in order to authorize transfer of the specific electronic content to the terminal device.